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SUBJ: SPECIAL UNGA SESSION: DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

COLOMBO - PASS AMBASSADOR FERGUSON - ECAFE DELEGATION

1. JAPANESE MISOFF HAS PROVIDED USUN WITH COPY OF
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS IS
ESSENTIALLY A YUGOSLAV DRAFT. USUN UNDERSTANDS
THAT A SUB-GROUP OF THE 30-MAN WORKING GROUP OF GROUP
OF 77 IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT AND WILL
CONTINUE TO DO SO NEXT WEEK.

2. THE DIFFICULT PARTS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES APPEAR TO RESIDE IN PARAGRAPH 4(E), PARTICULARLY
REFERENCES IN THAT PARAGRAPH TO PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER
NATURAL RESOURCES, ASSISTANCE TO "LIBERATED AREAS" AND
LDC COOPERATION.

QUOTE DECLARATION

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WE, THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GATHERED AT THE FIRST SEPCIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS GUARANTEEING FREE EQUITABLE AND STABLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, SOLEMNLY DECLARE:

1. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE HAS MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS AND ACHIEVED GREAT RESULTS IN ALL THE SPHERES OF LIFE SINCE WORLD WAR II.

THE GREATEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN UNDOUBTEDLY THE PREVAILING OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE WORLD. THIS HAS CREATED CONDITIONS THAT HAVE ENABLED A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLES TO ACHIEVE, THROUGH STRUGGLE TO BREAK THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND EMANCIPATE THEMSELVES FROM COLONIAL SLAVERY, THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE GREAT COMMUNITY OF FREE PEOPLES.

TREMENDOUS SUCCESSES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SO THAT MAN IS NOW IN A POSITION TO MASTER THE LAWS OF NATURE TO AN INCREASING EXTENT AND TO PLACE THEM IN THE SERVICE OF HUMAN PROGRESS; HOWEVER, IF HE LOSES CONTROL OVER THEM, THEY CAN ALSO BE USED FOR THE DESTRUCTION AND ANNIHILATION OF ALL THAT THE HUMAN MIND AND HAND HAVE CREATED SO FAR.

AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THE WORLD HAS BECOME SMALL AND HUMAN FATE INSEPARABLY LINKED. NOT ONLY HAS THE INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RACE INCREASED, BUT ALSO INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG PEOPLES AND STATES. INTERDEPENDENCE HAS GROWN TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THERE IS TODAY NO ROOM FOR ISOLATED ACTIONS AND EVENTS. ON THE CONTRARY, THE REPERCUSSIONS OF EVERY EVENT OR ACTION TAKING PLACE IN ONE PART OF THE WORLD ARE FELT IN THE OTHER PARTS AND, SOMETIMES, BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

HOWEVER, THE BENEFITS OF PROGRESS ARE NOT ENJOYED EQUALLY
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BY ALL THE COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. ON THE ONE SIDE THERE IS A SMALL NUMBER OF MOST DEVELOPED STATES WHOSE PEOPLES ENJOY MOST OF THE BENEFITS OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST THREE DECADES, WHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE, ARE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR 70 PERCENT OF THE WHOLE MANKIND AND EARN ONLY 30 PERCENT OF THE WORLD INCOME. OUT OF THE 2,600 MILLION INHABITANTS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, 800 MILLION ARE ILLITERATE, 1,000

MILLION SUFFER FROM MALNUTRITION OR HUNGER, AND 900 MILLION HAVE A DAILY INCOME AMOUNTING TO LESS THAN 30 US CENTS.

2. PRESENT EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE AN EVEN DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE CONDITIONS OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH CERTAIN PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY THROUGH INTERNAL DOMESTIC EFFORTS AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF DOMESTIC HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES, INSTEAD OF IMPROVING, THE SITUATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DETERIORATING ALL THE TIME. THIS IS PROVED CONVINCINGLY BY THE RESULTS ACHIEVED DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODEST GOALS AND TASKS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DECADE. THAT THE POSITION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO WORSEN IN THE CONDITIONS OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IS ALSO PROVED BY ASSESSMENTS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITIES OF REALIZATION OF THE SET OBJECTIVES BY THE YEAR 1980. EVEN IF THE OBJECTIVES AND TASKS DETERMINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DECADE COULD BE ATTAINED, WHEREAS EVERYTHING SHOWS THAT THIS WILL NOT BE REALIZED, THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT PER CAPITA IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD INCREASE BY ONLY US \$85, AS AGAINST US \$ 1,200 IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. BY THE END OF THIS DECADE, THE AVERAGE ANNUAL PER CAPITA INCOME IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL AMOUNT TO \$ 3,000, AS COMPARED WITH ONLY \$ 165 IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE POSITION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CANNOT BE IMPROVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A SYSTEM THAT WAS ESTABLISHED AT A TIME WHEN THEY DID NOT EVEN EXIST AS INDEPENDENT STATES AS A POWERFUL FACTOR DETERMINING, TO AN

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INCREASING DEGREE, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRESENT-DAY WORLD, IN A SYSTEM WHICH, BY ALL ITS ELEMENTS, REPRODUCES INEQUALITY, - ALL THIS BEING FURTHER ACCOMPANIED BY AGGRESSION, BY THE USE OF FORCE AND VARIOUS FORMS OF EXPLOITATION.

3. THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, GOING FROM ONE CRISIS TO ANOTHER, IS UNDERGOING A PROFOUND CRISIS IN ALL ITS GLOBALITY, THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH AFFECT THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND, ESPECIALLY, ITS LARGEST PART WHICH, OWING TO INHERITED UNDERDEVELOPMENT, CONSTANT LAGGING BEHIND IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SYSTEM, HAS TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE BURDEN OF THESE CRISES, WHEREBY THE MOST BASIC STANDARDS OF WELLBEING AND HUMAN DIGNITY

ARE BROUGHT INTO JEOPARDY.

THIS SYSTEM IS IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION WITH CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHOSE BASIC CHARACTERISTICS ARE:

- THE IRRESISTIBLE COURSE OF CHANGES IN THE RELATION OF FORCES IN THE WORLD, IN WHICH THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND, PARTICULARLY, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE BECOMING A POWERFUL FACTOR THAT MAKES ITS INFLUENCE FELT IN THE SENSE OF DEMOCRATISATION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TAKEN AS A WHOLE AND THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN WHICH THESE COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE, ON A FOOTING OF EQUALITY, IN DECISION-TAKING CONCERNING ALL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY;

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- THE SHARPENING OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THE REDISTRIBUTION OF INCOME IN THE WORLD ON THE BASIS OF CHANGES IN THE RELATION OF FORCES AND THE RADICALLY ALTERED POSITION OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS IN THE PROCESS OF GENERAL REPRODUCTION;

- THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WORLD DUE TO RAPID SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS WHICH ACTUALLY ACQUIRES, IN THE NEW CONDITIONS, A NEW QUALITY AND A DIFFERENT SIGNIFICANCE, AS IT HAS BECOME OBVIOUS THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DEPEND ON THE DEVELOPING ONES TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE LATTER DEPEND ON THE FORMER;

- INADEQUACY AND OBSOLETENESS OF SOLUTIONS BASED ON THE BREAKING UP OF THE SINGLE WORLD MARKET AND ON WITHDRAWAL INTO NARROWER REGIONAL OR BLOC FRAMEWORKS AND POLITICO-ECONOMIC BLOCS;

- FRAGILITY AND VULNERABILITY OF THE WHOLE EXISTING SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE DOMAIN OF ENERGY, WHICH PROVES THAT THE PROSPERITY OF

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ALL CAN BE SECURED ONLY THROUGH COOPERATION BASED ON EQUALITY.

4. THE NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHOULD BE FOUNDED ON FULL RESPECT FOR THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

A) RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF STATES, SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES;

B) BROADEST COOPERATION OF ALL THE MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BASED ON EQUAL RIGHTS AND ON THE COMMON INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES;

C) EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE SOLVING OF WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES, BEARING IN MIND THE NECESSITY TO ENSURE THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHILE DEVOTING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE ADOPTION OF SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED, LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED AND INSULAR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

D) WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE RAPID ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, IT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

(I) ACTIVE ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE EXTENDED BY THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY;

(II) PREFERENTIAL AND NON-RECIPROCAL TREATMENT SHOULD BE GUARANTEED IN ALL FIELDS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION;

(III) THE TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES UNDER FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS SHOULD BE FACILITATED;

E) EVERY COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO ADOPT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM THAT IT DEEMS TO BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT AND TO EXERCISE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES AND ALL DOMESTIC ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES. WITH THIS AIM IN MIND:

(I) EVERY COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES AND THEIR EXPLOITATION WITH MEANS
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SUITABLE TO ITS OWN SITUATION, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF NATIONALIZATION AND TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP TO ITS NATIONALS;

(II) NATIONALIZATION IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EVERY COUNTRY TO PRESERVE ITS NATURAL RESOURCES;
IN THIS CONNECTION, EVERY COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO FIX THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AND MODE OF PAYMENT, WHILE POSSIBLE DISPUTES HAVE TO BE SOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOMESTIC LAWS OF EVERY COUNTRY;

(III) CONTROL OF THE ACTIVITY OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, TAKING OF MEASURES IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL ECONOMIES AND ON THE BASIS OF THE FULL SOVEREIGNTY OF COUNTRIES WHERE SUCH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OPERATE;

F) EXTENDING OF ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION WHICH ARE SUBJECTED TO BOYCOTT, ECONOMIC AGGRESSION OR POLITICAL PRESSURE AND WHICH ARE ENDEAVOURING TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES THAT ARE STILL UNDER FOREIGN CONTROL;

G) THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN - THROUGH INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ACTIONS - MUTUAL ECONOMIC, TRADE, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON A PREFERENTIAL BASIS;

H) IT IS INDISPENSIBLE TO DEVOTE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS AND DIFFICULTIES OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED AND INSULAR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. BEARING IN MIND THE AFORESAID, IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT ALL THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AT THE TIME OF THE MEDIUM-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DECADE. THAT OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE USED FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND ADAPTATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY, SO THAT IT MAY CORRESPOND BETTER TO NEWLY-CREATED CONDITIONS.

6. BY ITS ACTIVITY THE UNITED NATIONS HAS PROVED TO BE THE ONLY UNIVERSAL ORGANIZATION CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH PROBLEMS

OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN A COMPREHENSIVE
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MANNER, IN A WAY ENSURING EQUALLY THE INTERESTS OF ALL
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PLAY IN IMPLEMENTING THE TASKS WITH WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY IS FACED WITH REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ALL THE MEMBER
STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARE THEREFORE CALLED UPON TO
EXERT MAXIMUM EFFORTS WITH A VIEW TO SECURING THE IMPLEMEN-
TATION OF THIS DECLARATION WHICH IS THE BEST GUARANTEE FOR
THE CREATION OF BETTER CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
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